

# Precepts Reading List

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Dogen Zenji

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"**Shushogi**" in *Zen is Eternal Life*, Kennett; *Zen Master Dogen; The Soto Approach to Zen*, Masunaga.

"**Kie Buppo So Ho**" (**Taking Refuge in the Three Treasures**), *Shobogenzo*, Vol. 4, Nishiyama; *Zen Master Dogen*, Yokoi.

"**Shoakumakusa**" (**Refrain from All Evil**), *Shobogenzo*, Vol. 2, Nishiyama

"**Jinshin Inga**" (**Deep Belief in Causality**), *Zen Master Dogen*, Yokoi.

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Hua, Master Hsuan. *Essentials of the Sramanera Vinaya*, (a description of the 227 sramanera precepts and rules of conduct)

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*Flower Ornament Sutra (Avatamsaka/Hwa-Yen Sutra)*, Thomas Cleary, tr., Vol. 2, pp. 27-28.

*Lotus Sutra*. Chapter 14, “A Happy Life” or “Comfortable Conduct.”

*The Platform Sutra*

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